

# Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm)

<b>Nature Center</b> <i>Closed for the Season</i>	<b>Mountain Bike Rental</b> <i>Closed for the Season</i>
<b>Virgil I. Grissom Memorial</b> <i>Closed for Renovations</i>	<b>Campground Hayrides</b> <i>Closed for the Season</i>
<b>Pioneer Village</b> <i>Closed for the Season</i>	<b>Hoosier Quest Series</b> <i>Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!</i>
<b>Twin Caves Boat Tours</b> <i>Closed for the Season</i>	

**Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.**  
*Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.*

**Public programs are designed for individuals and families.**  
If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

**Get advance notice of special events and programs!**  
Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email [springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**HP-HP Healthy Parks – Healthy People**  
Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.




LOOK FOR OUR TREE-SHAPED SIGNPOSTS


WATCH FOR THE PERSON-OR-NATURE-SHAPED SIGNPOSTS

## March 2009


### Sunday, March 1

**1:30pm**  **Spring Mill Village: Rise and Fall** – Explore the history of Spring Mill Village, from its beginnings in 1814 to its last gasp in the 1890s, on this guided walk. Meet next to the Weaver’s Shop in the Pioneer Village (1 hr).

### Saturday, March 7

**3p-4:30p**  **Who Went Where?** – Become a nature detective by learning to unravel the clues that wildlife leaves behind and make a simple guide to animal tracks. *This program will be presented off-site at the Mitchell Public Library (from the park, take SR60 west approx. 3 miles, turn right on 6<sup>th</sup> St., turn left on Main St., the library will be on the left).*

### Sunday, March 8

**1p-2p**  **Snake Time!** – Drop by to meet a corn snake (also known as a red rat snake) up-close and learn more about it. Spring Mill Inn, Game Room.

## Saturday, March 14

**1:30pm** **The Civilian Conservation Corps at Spring Mill** – During this one hour program, explore the enormous contributions that the CCC made to Spring Mill State Park and learn why the program was so popular during the Great Depression. Is it time to consider a new CCC for the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Mitchell Public Library (1 hr).



*Free, but pre-registration is required to the Mitchell Public Library (812-849-2412) by March 11.*

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## Sunday, March 15

**2:00pm** **A Tale of Two Ruins** – Explore the ruins of the Lynn Mill and Shawnee Cottage and learn about their history. Meet at Donaldson parking lot, next to the restroom (45 min).



## Saturday, March 21

**3:00pm** **Beaver Builders** – Join us on a hike to a beaver dam and learn a bit about the life of a beaver along the way. Meet in front of the Spring Mill Inn (45 min).

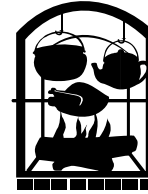


## Sunday, March 22

**1:30pm** **Wake Up, Snakes!** – Spring is officially here (whether the temperature feels like it or not!) and the snakes are starting to emerge from hibernation. Meet a couple snakes up-close while learning about common snakes in this area and how to tell if a snake is venomous. Spring Mill Inn, Game Room (45 min).

## Thursday, March 26

**2:00pm** **Hearth Cooking Workshop** – Learn the basics of cooking over and on a hearth as you cook and bake pioneer-era recipes; then enjoy the food you prepared during a group dinner. Participants will also take home a book of recipes and hearth cooking tips. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (4 hr).



*Cost is \$15/person; limited to 10 people. Pre-registration required to the Park Office (812-849-4129) by no later than 4pm on Sunday, March 22.*

## Saturday, March 28

**2:30pm** **Peeking thru the Ground** – It's true – the spring wildflowers are already poking their heads up (some of them started in early January!)... we'll see which ones we can turn up in the Donaldson Woods Nature Preserve. Meet at Twin Caves parking lot (45 min).



## Sunday, March 29

**1:30pm** **In Like a Lion Out Like a Lamb** – Is there any truth to this old saying? We'll pick it apart to see what gentle and fierce mean in terms of weather, discover if the weather this March has backed up the saying, and finish up by making a cute lamb craft. Spring Mill Inn, Game Room. (45 min).

